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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : 100 Universities Program

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 10 Mar 67 to ExDir-Comp  
fr DD/S, same subject

1. This memorandum contains in paragraph 4 a recommendation for your approval.

2. You will recall that in the fall of 1966 it was decided that the 100 Universities Program would not be conducted that fall but would be postponed until the spring of 1967. At that time we made a survey of opinion held by our recruiters and the Domestic Contact Service [ ] as to whether or not, in view of the National Student Association flap, it would be advisable to proceed with the program. Referent memorandum recommended that the program be deferred for calendar year 1967 and that we plan a program for the spring of 1968, subject to a campus "temperature" reading in the late fall of 1967. This recommendation was approved by you on 15 March 1967.

3. The continuing, and increasing, campus demonstrations have again raised serious questions as to the advisability of our attempting to organize the 100 Universities Program for the spring of 1968. Not only do these demonstrations appear to be well organized and possibly centrally directed, but at several institutions the Agency has been placed in the position of being a focal point for large-scale demonstrations when it is known that recruitment activities by the Agency are scheduled to take place. We have again requested our recruiters' opinions as to the advisability of conducting the program this coming spring and also asked the Domestic Contact Service to secure opinions and comments [ ]. Out of [ ] field recruiters, [ ] recommended that the program not be conducted in the spring of 1968; of the remaining three (all of whom cover southern states) only one anticipates no difficulty. [ ] Domestic Contact Service also believe that it would be unwise to resume the program in the near future; three [ ] feel that it would be possible to resume the program at selected universities [ ]. During the November visit of our University Associates, a similar question was posed

to them and their responses were about evenly divided between those who felt that we should drop the program for the moment and those who would like to see the program continued, with some modifications. The reasons given by the three groups for not holding the program at this time are very similar:

- a. unrest among students and faculty;
- b. recent unfavorable press;
- c. Students-for-Democratic-Society-inspired action against recruiters;
- d. evident attitudes of hostility toward the Agency by many students and faculty members at various institutions.

4. In view of the consensus of opinion that conducting the 100 Universities Program in the spring of 1968 would not be beneficial to the Agency, it is recommended that the program be indefinitely postponed. We will review the situation again in the fall of 1968.

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The recommendation contained in paragraph 4 is approved.

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Executive Director-Comptroller

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